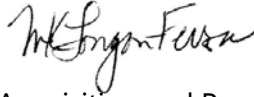




Memorandum

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Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement | FAA Acquisition Compliance With Domestic Content Laws | Project No. 18Z3002Z000
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To: Director, Audit and Evaluation

In fiscal year 2017, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) purchased over \$1 billion in manufactured goods and equipment. When acquiring manufactured goods and equipment, steel, supplies, and construction in the United States, FAA is subject to domestic content laws, including the Buy American Act (Act)¹ and FAA-specific Buy American provisions.² The Act expresses a strong preference for acquiring only domestic end-products to support American industries and workers.

In its reports on the Department of Transportation's fiscal year 2017 and 2018 appropriations bills, the Senate Appropriations Committee expressed concern that congressionally mandated Department of Defense audits revealed a high level of non-compliance with Buy American provisions.³ Noting the impact that manufacturing has on our economy, the committee directed our office to conduct an audit of FAA's compliance with the Act. Accordingly, we are initiating this audit to address the committee's concerns. Our objective is to assess FAA's policies and procedures for awarding and administering contracts in accordance with domestic content laws.

We plan to begin the audit later this month and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 202-366-5225 or Ken Prather, Program Director, at 202-366-1820.

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¹ 41 U.S.C. § 8301-8305.

² 49 U.S.C. § 50101.

³ S. Rep. No. 114-243 (April 21, 2016) and S. Rep. No. 115-138 (July 27, 2017).